

WATCHET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of Medical Officer of Health for 1967

I will begin with the statistics for 1967.

There were 53 births (40 in 1966); 30 male, 23 female, 1 stillbirth.

There were 37 deaths (38 in 1966); 21 male, 16 female.

New figures relating to these are as follows:-

Live Births - Crude Rate per 1,000 Home population 20.4 (17.2 is National average)

Still Births - Rate per 1,000 total births 19 (14.8 is National average)

Perinatal Mortality - rate per 1,000 total births 19 (25.4 is National average)

Deaths, all ages - crude rate per 1,000 Home population 14.2 (11.2 is National average)

A breakdown of ages is as follows:-

<u>Male</u>				<u>Female</u>			
Over 75	..	10		Over 75	..	8	
65-75	..	8		65-75	..	5	
55-65	..	2		55-65	..	2	
45-55	..	1		45-55	..	1	
		21				16	

The causes of death were as follows:-

Coronary disease	9
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7
Other heart diseases	4
Other circulatory diseases	4
Other defined and ill defined diseases	3
Malignant neoplasm stomach	2
Malignant neoplasm lung	2
Other malignant neoplasm	2
Leukaemia	1
Hypertension with Heart disease	1
Pneumonia	1
Bronchitis	1
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Immunisations. As the local practices Immunisation schedules are now controlled by Computer I am unable to give you any figures for the numbers of children immunised in 1967. All I can say is that when a child is due for any part of the schedule the parents are automatically sent a card telling them when to come. This so far has been providing excellent results.

Infectious Diseases

There were 80 cases of measles from 1 to 25 years old, 35 of them in the 5 to 9 age group. 5 cases of whooping cough and 1 of scarlet fever, all in the 1 to 9 years age group.

Once again there were no problems with the water supply or ice cream.

Ships

There were 48 ships berthed at Watchet during the year; an increased figure on previous years; apart from an increase in my routine work in connection with them they did not present any serious problems at all.

Signed

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